Subject: Chat with Mark Cohen
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me: boy
me: do I have something for you
Mark: shoot
me: Popular Science opened its archives to the public
me: searchable
me: from 1872 on
me: of course, I searched the term "Chinaman," "negro," and "JEws"
me: found the usual stuff one would expect to find
me: and then
me: and then,sir
me: sir
me: I find an article
me: from 1894
me: about how the myth of the Wandering Jew comes from the fact that many Jews have a "neuropathic" compulsion to wander around
me: and that one may thus often come across some Jew who is travelling through Europe
Mark: . . .
me: because, you see, they have a neuropathic compulsion to do so
me: according to Popular Science, circa McKinley
Mark: i guess i do have a tendency to pace
Mark: now i know why
me: I've never been stunned before
me: but this is the wackiest thing I have ever come across in the course of my coming across things
me: and there are pictures
Mark: and i imagine it is written in the voice of unassailable scientific objectivity
me: I appreciate you staying seated in order to write that
me: I'm sure it's difficult
Mark: the phrase "wandering jew" on its own brings back a surprising number of hits
me: well, you're familiar with the origin, right?
me: NEw Testament?
me: that's what those hits are
Mark: ah, ok
Mark: i'd heard the phrase before
Mark: but i don't know it's exact connotation
me: http://www.popsci.com/archive-viewer?id=ciADAAAAMBAJ&pg=525&query=Jews
Mark: yeah, i had found it myself

Mark: the plate of "Moses, a neuropatheic jew" or however it's labeled, is choice
me: lol
me: M. Meige assumes that there have been many wandering Jews, who have been taken for one and the same person, because they usually have the same general appearance and the same manner.
me: NO WAY IT'S THE SAME MAGICAL JEW